

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS: ASEC, TH

SUBJECT:ARMORED VEHICLES

REF: A) BANGKOK 18136; B) STATE 157713; C) BANGKOK 17232

1. CADILLAC'S FLEETWOOD FORMAL LIMOUSINE WOULD BE THE APPROPRIATE MODEL FOR THE KING. LIST PRICE IS ABOUT 21,000 DOLS (FULLY EQUIPPED) AND LOCAL DEALERS IN WASHINGTON INDICATED THAT THIS WOULD BE DISCOUNTED BY 15 PERCENT IF THE LIMOUSINE WERE GOING OVERSEAS TO A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT. IF RTG WERE TO HAVE CADILLAC ARMORED IN THE U.S., WE ESTIMATE THAT TOTAL COST (INCLUDING PURCHASE PRICE OF CAR) WOULD BE ROUGHLY 125,000 DOLS DEPENDING ON ARMOR MATERIALS UTILIZED. IT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED THAT THESE  
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FIGURES ARE ONLY ROUGH ESTIMATES.

2. THE RTG EMBASSY COULD NOT IMPORT ROLLS ROYCE WITHOUT PAYMENT OF DUTY (ONLY CARS FOR USE IN THE U.S. MAY BE IMPORTED DUTY FREE BY EMBASSIES). HOWEVER, THE COMPANY SELECTED BY RTG TO PERFORM ARMORING COULD PROBABLY MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH U.S. CUSTOMS TO HOLD CAR IN BOND WHILE

WORK WAS BEING PERFORMED IN U.S.

3. AS NOTED REF B, IF THAI DECIDE TO GO AHEAD WITH ARMORING  
OF VEHICLE IN THE U.S., THEY SHOULD SEND A TECHNICAL

REPRESENTATIVE TO DISCUSS THEIR REQUIREMENTS AND OBTAIN  
SOLID COST ESTIMATES FROM THE COMPANIES. THEY MIGHT ALSO  
WISH TO WRITE DIRECTLY TO THE COMPANIES LISTED REF (B)  
FOR FURTHER DETAILS. VANCE

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